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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced application as follows in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies from the claims, as provided by the Translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report. A Substitute Specification incorporating these changes is also attached.